



## 2013 reading together

**Meet Author Amy Waldman, March 5, 7 pm**  
**Kalamazoo Central High School, Auditorium**

*Open seating, no ticket required. Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *The Submission* at the event.*

Elegantly written and tightly plotted, *The Submission* gives the reader a visceral understanding of how New York City and the country at large reacted to 9/11 – a lucid, illuminating and entertaining first novel.

Hear Amy Waldman talk about how and why she wrote *The Submission*. She'll describe her research and themes she developed, including: trust; how we read and interpret art or symbols; how private histories shape history itself; the challenge of writing alternative history, using the controversy around the Ground Zero mosque as a case study; and the more abstract question of whether a novel about a memorial is also in some way a memorial itself.

Before writing *The Submission*, Amy Waldman was a reporter for *The New York Times* for eight years. She spent three years as co-chief of the South Asia bureau after covering Harlem, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and the aftermath of 9/11. She was also a national correspondent for *The Atlantic*.

## book your spring break staycation at kpl!

You don't need to pack your bags for a spring break adventure with the family; just pack up the kids and head over to your local library for some fun and FREE programs!

### **Binder Park Zoomobile**

**April 1, 1 & 2:30 pm, OSH**  
Zoom on over to the library and get up close and personal with animals from the Binder Park Zoo.

### **Spring Fling Crafts**

**April 1, 3-5 pm, WSQ**  
**April 3, 3-5 pm, POW**  
**April 4, 3-5 pm, EAS**

### **Chemical Kim**

**April 3, 3 pm, POW**  
Investigate the wonders of science in this interactive program with Kim De Clercq, resident scientist on Take Five & Company, WZZM 13.

### **Naturally Wild**

**April 4, 2 pm, EAS**  
See wild animals up close like you have never seen them before!

### **Movie & Popcorn**

**April 5, 2 pm, POW,**  
*Thunderstruck*  
**April 5, 2 pm, OSH,**  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid:*  
*Dog Days (Popsicles at OSH)*

### **Benjammin and Analisa Family Concert**

**April 6, 2:30 pm, CEN**  
Move, play, and sing with local musicians, Benjammin and Analisa Gauthier!

### **Western Dance Project**

**April 13, 11 am CEN**  
Marvel at a stunning modern dance performance by WMU students in the library's dramatic rotunda. All ages.

❗ Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

## reading together special appearance

## how media influences our perception

### **Brooke Gladstone**

**Journalist, Media Analyst, Author**

**Tuesday, April 2, 7 pm**

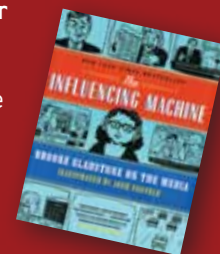
**WMU Center for  
the Humanities**

Brook Gladstone is co-host and managing editor of the National Public Radio

newsmagazine, *On the Media*, an up-close look at what the media are covering and why.

Gladstone will be discussing her book *The Influencing Machine*, *Brooke Gladstone on the Media*. Illustrated by acclaimed artist Josh Neufeld, this comic-book designed book features Gladstone as a guide, taking readers through two millennia of media history while discussing the complexities, and sometimes, controversies of modern media.

Michigan News will sell copies of *The Influencing Machine* at the event.



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## friends annual meeting



**April 13, 10 am**  
**WMU Fetzer Center**

Join the Friends for brunch and meet local author Jane Knuth who will be discussing her books *Thrift Store Saints* and *Thrift Store Graces*.

The meeting is open to the public. Brunch will be served at 10:30. Cost for the program and brunch is \$12 per person. To register, please send a check made out to FKPL to: FKPL, 315 S. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI, 49007.

**Deadline to RSVP is April 9.**

**For more information,**  
**call 553-7821 or email**  
**[friends@kpl.gov](mailto:friends@kpl.gov).**

Everyone is welcome to support the library by becoming a member of the Friends. To join, go to [www.kpl.gov/friends](http://www.kpl.gov/friends) or ask in the Friends Bookstore in the library (CEN).

# events

## books

### Hours

**March 21, 7 pm, CEN**

A poetry reading in conjunction with the exhibit Hours at the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center on March 1st. Hours brings together an assembly of local artists and writers around the theme of Hours, a notion borrowed from The Book of Hours, a medieval monastic tradition of meditation and prayer to be recited at specified times of a day. [Facebook.com/HoursKalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/HoursKalamazoo)

### Classics Revisited

**March 21, 7 pm, CEN**

**April 18, 7 pm, CEN**

Classics lovers discuss Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* in March and Selected Poetry of Emily Dickinson in April. [Classicbookgroup.blogspot.com](http://Classicbookgroup.blogspot.com)



### Urban Fiction

**March 26, 6pm, POW**

This popular street lit group will talk about *Gorilla Black* by Seven, a torrid story of a promising young man's life run asunder by the lure of the streets. Pick up a copy of the novel at Powell desk. Refreshments.

### D.E. Johnson Author Visit

**April 16, 6:30 pm, WSQ**



Michigan Native D.E. Johnson made his literary debut in 2010 with the acclaimed historical mystery *The Detroit Electric Scheme*. Johnson will discuss the research and writing process for his newest novel, *Detroit Breakdown*, the third book in his Will Anderson series. Michigan News Agency will sell copies at the event.

## & more

### Free Tax Prep

**March 5, 2-6:30 pm, EAS**

**March 9, 10 am-2:30 pm, CEN**

**March 23, 11 am-3:30 pm, OSH**

Free tax prep for people who made \$50,000 or less in 2012, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. Appointment required. Call 211 to schedule or further information.

### Ask a Lawyer

**March 14, 6-8 pm, CEN**

**March 15, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN**

**April 11, 6-8 pm, CEN**

**April 12, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN**

**April 2, 6-8 pm, POW**

Free legal clinics for persons of low to moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call your preferred clinic location: Central Library, 553-7920; Powell, 553-7960. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

### Naturally Clean

**April 23, 6:30 pm, EAS**

Learn how to make your own green, non-toxic cleaning products, which are safe for you and the environment with Kama Mitchell of the People's Food Co-op.

### Composting

**April 30, 6:30 pm, POW**

Recycle waste, decrease landfill use, and create natural fertilizer through home composting. Learn basic tools and steps from Erica Barajas, manager of Fair Food Matters' Growing Matters Garden.

## history & genealogy

### ® Intro to Genealogy

April 9, 6 pm, OSH

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting March 18.

### ® Genealogy Lock-In

April 26, 6-10 pm, CEN

After-hours event for genealogists. Explore our newest resource, FamilySearch. Take advantage of free copying, printing, and parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting April 1.



### Browse Online

[Kpl.gov/local-history/blog](http://Kpl.gov/local-history/blog)

Local History staff recently launched a project to make collection curiosities available online. Their first offering? A Henderson-Ames Company catalog of Odd Fellows regalia and costumes.



## music

### Acoustic Slow Jam

March 6, 7 pm, CEN

April 3, 7 pm, CEN

Does your guitar, fiddle or mandolin never leave home? Want to make music with others but think you can't keep up? If you can play basic chords, then you can join GLAMA members for a slow jam.



### Neil Jacobs

March 20

7 pm, CEN

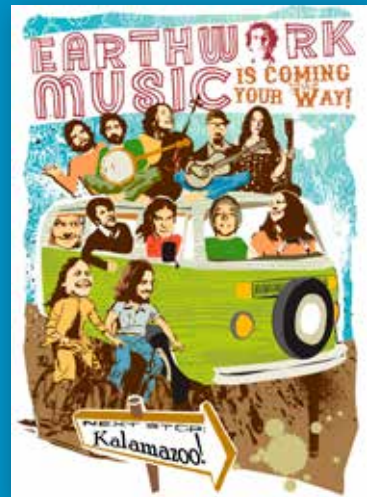
Neil Jacobs is truly a remarkable performer on the 12-String guitar. Drawing inspiration from his world

travels and improbable life experiences, he shares his amazing stories with his audience as he performs breathtaking compositions representing each adventure. Neil brings the music to life, pushing the limits of this traditional folk instrument as he fuses Gypsy, Celtic, Balkan, and Classical influences into new American music.

### Community Sing Along

April 10, 7 pm, CEN

As that old hymn tells us, "Singing makes the burden lighter. Singing drives the care away." Raise your voice alongside other acoustic music lovers with musicians Michael Beauchamp, Kathy Nichols and Patricia Pettinga. Song booklets provided. Just bring your vocal cords! All voices welcome.



### Earth Day Concert

April 20 2:30 pm, OSH

The Earthwork Music Collective, a Michigan-based, grassroots organization that seeks to foster both community and self-awareness through original music, will present a family-friendly showcase of the Collective's musicians to celebrate Earth Day.

The concert will feature some of the best in Michigan's blossoming roots music scene! They'll share Earth Day reflections through personal stories and songs—a delight for earth lovers of all ages!

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. It's a rain or shine event under the canopy! Performers include: Seth Bernard, May Erlewine, Graham Parsons, Elisabeth Pixley-Fink, Red Tail Ring, Ian Gorman (of the Red Sea Pedestrians), Dede Alderman, Darlene, Gifts or Creatures, and Mike Shimmin.

Kalamazoo Public Library leads Reading Together with the help of many visionary partners. We draw on a diverse cross-section of individuals and organizations to create a season of programs that highlight important and relevant themes of the selected book.

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# 2013 reading together

What if the entire community read the same book? Join Reading Together, a county-wide book club led by the Kalamazoo Public Library. Since 2003, thousands of people have read and discussed the selected books and attended hundreds of events. Join us at [www.readingtogether.us](http://www.readingtogether.us).

The 2013 Reading Together program features *The Submission*, by Amy Waldman. Reimagining 9/11 and its aftermath, this provocative novel begins with a resonant scene: a jury gathers in Manhattan to choose a memorial for the victims of a devastating Islamic terrorist attack. After tense deliberations, they select a powerful design, and learn the anonymous architect who created it is an American Muslim. The revelation triggers both fury and ambivalence through New York. As the emotional rhetoric escalates, *The Submission* becomes a mesmerizing meditation of the human experience.

From: <http://media.us.macmillan.com>



## events

All events are free and open to the public

### Art Hop—An Evening with EFA

March 1, 6-8 pm, CEN

See student artwork and performances inspired by *The Submission*.

### Meet the Author (details on cover)

March 5, 7 pm

Kalamazoo Central High School, Auditorium



### Journalism vs Fiction—A Writer's Perspective

March 6, 12 noon

Kalamazoo College, Light Fine Arts Bldg.

Amy Waldman will discuss the relationship between journalistic and fiction writing.

### Maya Lin—A Strong Clear Vision

March 12, 12 noon / Part 1 and

March 19, 12 noon / Part 2

KIA ARTbreak, 314 South Park St

This documentary depicts the controversial story behind an Asian-American student creating the winning design for the Vietnam Memorial.

### The Post 9/11 World for Muslim Americans

March 12, 6:30 pm, EAS

Muslim residents share their life experience in a post 9/11 world.

### Exploring Six Characters in *The Submission*

March 19, 6:30 pm, OSH or

March 21, 6:30 pm, Portage District Library

An interactive discussion on the diverse characters in *The Submission*.

### Art as an Expression of Grief

March 26, 6:30 pm, OSH

Explore the value of art as an expression of self.

### Truth in Fiction

March 27, 6:30 pm

Portage District Library, 300 Library Ln

Explore how fiction exposes the complexities surrounding human reaction to historical events.

### Public Art and Controversy

March 28, 7 pm, CEN

Discussion on the disparity between what an artist intends with his/her art and what the viewer perceives.

### How Media Influences Our Perception

Brooke Gladstone

(details on cover)

April 2, 7 pm

WMU Center for the Humanities



# tween/teen

## Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

March 4 & April 8, 3:30 CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 7-12.

## Teen Tech Week Game Nights @ Central

March 12, 13, & 14, 4-6 pm CEN

Celebrate Teen Tech Week with two hours of fun in the Teen Area. Choose from a different game system each night! Gr. 5-12

## Diskette Do Over

March 14, 4:30 pm, OSH

Find new purposes for outdated tech materials. Turn diskettes into pencil holders! We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. Gr. 5-12.

## J-Pop

March 18 & April 15, 3:30 CEN

Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky and food. Drop in any time! Gr 7-12.

## Open Mic

March 25 & April 22, 4:30, POW

Calling teen performers! Sing, read, act at the open mic, or just hang out. Enjoy snacks, network with other performers. Gr. 5-12.

## ® Iron Chef Kalamazoo

April 1, 4:00, POW

Calling all tweens and teens who like to be creative! Combine cooking ingredients, in teams, to make great no-bake dishes. Judges will taste and prizes will be awarded. Registration. Gr. 5-12.

## Candy Craze

April 2, 3 pm, EAS

Enjoy yummy candy then create projects like journals, magnets, bookmarks or buttons with the wrapper. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. Gr. 5-12.

## Movie & Popcorn: *Life of Pi*

April 3, 2 pm, CEN

Read the book first (optional but strongly encouraged!) Then enjoy the movie and popcorn. Starting March 28, the first 20 teens to stop by the Central Library Teen Desk and ask for a copy of *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel will receive a book to keep! Books always are available for reserve and check out too!

## Tape It!

April 13, 1 pm, CEN

We'll have a rainbow of colors, patterns and sizes of tape. Washi Tape, duct tape and packing tape too! Bring your own inspiration and create whatever you want with tape. Gr. 5-12.

## Earth Day Art Attack

April 18, 4:30 pm, OSH

Repurpose items into cool projects. Plant seeds. Do your part to make the world a brighter place! Celebrate the Earth @ your library. Gr. 5-12.



## Gamers' Arena

April 20, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Choose from our board, card or video games, or bring your own! Gr 5-12.

® Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.



## iGames with S2Games

March 11, 6:30 pm, CEN

Attention all interested in mobile or video gaming!!! Kickoff Teen Tech Week with Kalamazoo's own Brad Bower, head of the iGames division of S2Games. Learn what it takes to be part of what Brad calls "the coolest job out there." Topics will include mobile game design, developing and programming.

From a press release on January 14 (the full release is located on the [www.s2games.com](http://www.s2games.com) site):

With that future in mind, S2 Games proudly launched a new mobile games development division - iGames - on Jan. 2, 2013. iGames is a wholly-owned subsidiary of S2 designed to bridge the gap between casual players and experienced gamers while growing S2's unique vision of online multiplayer gaming. The team's goal is to push the boundaries of what mobile games are and can be by focusing on a balanced mixture of fun and intuitive mechanics with deep, engrossing gameplay that caters to players of all skill levels.

## Peep Diorama Book Art

Make a diorama of a book you love using marshmallow Peeps, a shoe box, and whatever else your imagination can think up! Enter your creation in our contest, have fun and win prizes. Submissions accepted at Central Library on Saturday, March 30 during open hours. Public voting will take place during the week of April 1-6.

Official contest guidelines and prize information available at [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov). Winners announced Monday, April 8, at 10:00 am on the library's website. Age brackets: 0-5 years and 6-11 years.



# kids

## First Saturday

**March 3, April 6, 2-4 pm, CEN**

In March, Kalamazoo Public Schools, NAACP and Northside Ministerial Alliance will host a Read Across America event celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and the First Anniversary of the First Saturday Collaboration with stories, activities and fun for all ages birth through teen. In April, the Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition will host a family concert with local artists Benjamin and Analisa.

**kpl.gov/first-Saturday**

## Toddler Talk

**March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, OSH**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24, 10 am, OSH**

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of the parenting 1-3 year olds. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## Baby Talk

**March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 pm, OSH**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24, 1:30 pm, OSH**

Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## Read with Bailey

**March 6, 13, 20, 27, 4-5:30 pm, POW**

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey the loveable Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle mix). Registration required, call 553-7964.

## LEGO at the Library

**March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm, CEN**

**March 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, WSQ**

**March 28, 3-5 pm, EAS**

**March 29, 2-4 pm, POW**

**March 2, April 6, 10:30 am, OSH**

**March 16, April 20, 10:30 am, CEN**

Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine with other Lego fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder. All ages welcome.



## Little Scientists

**March 9, 11 am, CEN**

Early literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) for preschoolers. Read stories and practice narrative skills. Explore scientific vocabulary with crafts and activities. Ages 3-6.



## National Reading Month Celebration

**March 13, 4-6 pm, CEN**

Join us for a read-aloud-a-thon with the WMU Lee Honors students! Stop in and hear some stories or make a craft with us!

## Crafternoon

**March 15, 2-4 pm, CEN**

**April 19, 2-4 pm, CEN**

Calling all young makers and DIY lovers! Our craft supplies will be out and available and you can create to your heart's content. Make the month's themed craft or make something completely different! You can even bring your own craft from home to work on with friends. Ages 6-11.

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.



## St. Patrick's Day Craft

**March 16, 9 am- noon, EAS**

Drop in and make some St. Patty's Day inspired crafts. Supplies provided. Ages 5-12.

## ® Music & Make Believe: *Berlioz the Bear*

**5 sessions!**

**March 26, 9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN**

**March 27, 9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN**

**March 28, 10:30 am, POW**

Music & Make Believe features a story, craft and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet based on *Berlioz the Bear* by Jan Brett. For 3-6 year olds. Groups welcome. Register online or call 553-7804.



## Bookworms

**March 28, April 25**

**4:30 pm, CEN**

Pick up a copy of the book *The Wizard of Oz* by Frank

Baum at the Children's Desk starting the first of the month. For kids in grades 1-3 with their adults.

## Art2D2 Party

**March 30, 10:30 am, WSQ, Grades 4-6**

Tom Angelberger, author of the popular *Origami Yoda* series, has a new book coming out on March 26. The book, *Art2D2's Guide to Folding and Doodling* promises to be full of fun activities for super-folders. We'll celebrate with paper-folding and *Origami Yoda* fun! Best for grades 4-6.

## storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

### Musical Storytime

**March 11, April 8, 6:30 pm, CEN**

Stories, songs, and special guests with Mr. Bill!

### Evening Storytimes

**March 19, 6:30 pm, CEN**

**April 11, 6:30 pm, CEN**

Storytime fun for the whole family with Mrs. Andrea!

### Preschool Storytime

**Tuesdays, 10 am, CEN**

**March 5, 12, 19, 26**

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities. Ages 3½-5.

### Grow It Yourself Day Special Storytime

**April 27, 10:30 am, noon, 1:30 pm**

**People's Food Co-op**

**507 Harrison St., Kalamazoo**

KPL's librarians will be reading stories at the PFC to help celebrate Grow It Yourself Day!

### Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

**Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN**

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**April 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Mondays, 5 pm, CEN**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW**

**March 6, 13, 20, 27**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**April 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**April 4, 11, 18, 25**



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# director's note



Spring is a time of growth and new beginnings, and I am pleased about what is blooming at the library. Thanks to technology, libraries have become even more versatile and prevalent in providing equal access to information and services.

If you love music, you will love Freegal! Freegal Music offers immediate access to more than 3 million songs from more than 100,000 artists. All you need is your library card and you can browse, sample and download any song available in Freegal's catalog for your personal library. The songs do not expire and are compatible with all devices. Patrons are limited to three song downloads per week. Learn more at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov).

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553-7800

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